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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, McNamara, Hull, Costantino, and Slater

Date Introduced: April 26, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17.3-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17.3 entitled "Long-
2 term Care Coordinating Council" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17.3-2. Membership.**

4 The council shall be comprised of ~~forty-one (41)~~ thirty-nine (39) members, as follows:
5 the lieutenant governor or designee; the secretary of state or designee; the director of the
6 department of health or designee; the ~~director of the department~~ secretary of the office of health
7 and human services or designee; the director of the department of behavioral healthcare,
8 developmental disabilities and hospitals or designee; the attorney general or designee; the director
9 of the ~~department~~ division of elderly affairs or designee; the chair of the Rhode Island advisory
10 commission on aging or designee; the ~~president~~ director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the
11 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) or designee; the ~~director of the Alliance for~~
12 ~~Long-term Care~~ state long-term care ombudsman or designee; the president of the Rhode Island
13 Senior Center Directors Association or designee; the executive director of the Rhode Island
14 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or designee; a representative of a not-for-profit long-term
15 care provider organization other than a nursing home owner, a representative of a long-term care
16 service provider that primarily serves persons with ~~mental retardation or~~ developmental
17 disabilities and a representative of an assisted living residence other than a nursing home, to be
18 appointed by the governor; a representative of a not-for-profit nursing home to be appointed by

1 the lieutenant governor; five (5) citizens of the state with no direct or indirect interest in nursing
2 home ownership who have demonstrated concern for the care of the elderly, two (2) of whom
3 shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker
4 of the house of representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the
5 senate; a public member with no direct interest in long-term care ownership representing a senior
6 advocacy organization, to be appointed by the governor; a representative of ~~an adult day care~~
7 ~~center~~ the state program of all-inclusive care of the elderly to be appointed by the speaker; a
8 representative of senior housing to be appointed by the lieutenant governor; a representative of a
9 ~~not-for-profit~~ home health care ~~agency~~ and hospice provider organization to be appointed by the
10 speaker; a representative of a for profit home health care agency to be appointed by the speaker;
11 and a representative of a community mental health center, to be appointed by the president of the
12 senate; a registered nurse experienced in the care of the elderly, to be appointed by the governor;
13 a representative of nonmanagerial nursing home employees, to be appointed by the lieutenant
14 governor; three (3) members of the house, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to
15 be appointed by the speaker; a nursing home owner, to be appointed by the speaker; two (2)
16 members of the senate, not more than one from the same political party to be appointed by the
17 president of the senate; one consumer of home and community based care or a caregiver of a
18 consumer of home and community based care, to be appointed by the speaker from a list of three
19 (3) submitted by the chairperson of the independent living council; one consumer of ~~home and~~
20 ~~community-based care~~ behavioral health services or a representative of a mental health advocacy
21 organization to be appointed by the president of the senate from a list of three (3) submitted by
22 the chairperson of the Governor's Council on Mental Health; a member of the public representing
23 the interests of parents of children with special care needs to be appointed by the president of the
24 senate; a family member of a person with developmental disabilities to be appointed by the
25 speaker of the house; ~~a person with developmental disabilities or a representative of an~~
26 ~~organization that advocates for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities to be~~
27 ~~appointed by the lieutenant governor;~~ and a general physician or advanced nurse practitioner with
28 experience in serving persons with long-term care and behavioral needs to be appointed by the
29 president of the senate ~~and a psychiatrist specializing in the medical problems of the elderly, to be~~
30 ~~appointed by the lieutenant governor. Members of the general public may be appointed in lieu of~~
31 ~~legislators, provided that at least one member shall be appointed from the house and one from the~~
32 ~~senate, and the appointments shall be made by the same authority as for the legislators~~
33 ~~supplanted.~~ The members of the council shall serve two (2) year terms, ~~expiring on the second~~
34 ~~anniversary of each individual's appointment~~ commencing July 1, 2017, expiring on June 20,

1 2019, and reappointed every two (2) years thereafter or, on the date that their respective
2 successors are appointed and qualified, ~~whichever is later~~ unless their respective successors are
3 appointed and qualified to fill the remainder of their term.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would amend the membership and certain terms of the long-term care
- 2 coordinating council.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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